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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF A STATEMENT MADE FEBRUARY 10 BY
AMBASSADOR ROBERT E. WHITE, U.S. DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES DURING THE PLEDGING
SESSION OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE BEING HELD IN MONTE-
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(BEGIN TEXT)

MR. CHAIRMAN:

ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATE DELEGATION I THANK THE GOVERN-
MENT AND PEOPLE OF URUGUAY FOR THE MAGNIFICENT HOSPITALITY THEY
HAVE EXTENDED TO US. THIS OCCASION HAS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPERIENCE FIRST-HAND LEGENDARY WARMTH AND FRIENDLINESS FOR
WHICH YOUR COUNTRY AND ITS WONDERFUL PEOPLE ARE SO JUSTLY FAMOUS.

PRIOR TO DISCUSSING THE U.S. PLEDGE, I WOULD LIKE TO
REFER TO THE EXCELLENT SPEECH BY THE HONORABLE MINISTER OF EDUCA-
TION, DANIEL DARRACQ, AT THE INAUGURAL SESSPN OF THIS CONFERENCE.
THAT ADDRESS HAD MANY INSIGHTS OF IMPORTANCE FOR OUR MEETING. I
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WAS PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY THE ELOQUENCE OF THESE WORDS: "EDUCA-
TION MUST PREPARE MAN FOR THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY, TO ASSIMILATE
IT IN ORDER TO MAKE LIFE MORE BEWABLE AND TO EXTEND ITS BENEFITS SO
AS TO PRESERVE AND ENNOBLE IT; BUT IT MUST ALSO PROVIDE A WARNING
AGAINST THE EXCESSES THAT GRADUALLY WEAKEN IT. MATERIAL DEVELOP-
MENT, TECHNOLOGY, CAN CREATE A SPIRITUAL VACUUM. THE TIME HAS
COME TO PROCLAIM THAT THE DESTINY OF CULTURE CANNOT REMAIN IN

THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO, SEDUCED BY THE MAGIC OF TECHNICAL METHODS, FORGET THAT MAN CONTINUES TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL. THIS IS THE CONVICTION THAT INSPIRES THE WILL AND STRENGTHENS THE SPIRIT OF URUGUAY IN ITS CLEAR AND RADICAL CONFRONTATION WITH ALL TRENDS THAT SEEK TO IGNORE THE HUMAN CONDITIONS."

THE MINISTER THEN WENT ON TO DISCUSS HUMAN VALUES AND HE PLEDGED HIS GOVERNMENT IN THESE WORDS: "WE WILL APPLY OUR EFBRTS TO THE INTEGRAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BY MAINTAINING AND RASING THE HIGH STANDARDS THAT WE HAVE ATTAINED IN THE COURSE OF OUR HISTORY".

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, ALEJANDRO ORFILA, ALSO EMPHASIZED THE OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF FREEDOM AND FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE DESTINY OF OUR PEOPLES.

IN THE VIEW OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, MINISTER DARRACQ AND SEC-RETAZW GENERAL ORFILA WERE INTIRELY CORRECT TO INTRODUCE THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN VALUES IN THE CONTEXT OF A CONFERENCE DEVOTED TO EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE.

FOR EDUCATION CANNOT FLOURISH, SCIENCE CANNOT PROSPER, AND CULTURE CANNOT ENRICH THE LIVES OF OUR CITIZENS UNLESS THE STATE UNDERTAKES TO PROTECT T RTAIN RIGHTS WHICH ARE DECLARED TO BE THE FOUNDATIONS FOR CIVILIZED SOCIETY IN ALL OF THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE COUNTRIES HERE REPRESENTED AND IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND THE INTER-AMERICAN DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. EAMONG THES RIGHTS ARE NUMBERED FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM FROM ARBITRARY ARREST AND PUNISHMENT. WITHOUT THESE GUARANTEES, BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS ARE AT THE MERCY OF THE STATE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO GRANT OR TO WITHDRAW ACCORDING TO THE WHIM OF THE ITS AGENTSAT AS PREZDENT CARTER SAID IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, THERE EXISTS IN THE WORLD "A RISING PASSION FOR FREEDOM". HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE UQUTED STATES WILL BE "BASED ON WORLDWIDE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS."

URUGUAY HAS EMPHASIZED THE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL INTEREST IN THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE OBLIGATION OF ALL STATES TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING AND RAISING THE STANDARD OF OBSERVANCE OF GUARANTEES OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AN UNDERTAKING FREELY ENTERED INTO BY ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE OAS SIGNATORY TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. MUTUAL INTEREST COMPELS US TO STRENGTHEN THE OBSERVANCE OF THSE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND TO REFRAIN FROM ACTIONS THAT UNDERMINE CIVIL LIBERTIES AND TF SECURITY OF OUR PEOPLES. WORDS AREIMPORTANT; ACTIONS ARE BASICZM

COOPERATION AMONG THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE OAS SHOULD EXTEND TO ALL THE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, FROM COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE TO TH PERMANENT COUNCIL, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE INDEPENDENT AGENCIES LIKE THE

INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THE SAME OBLIGATIONS APPLY TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM TO COOPERATE WITH ALL OF ITS ELEMENTS, FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS INDISPENSIBLE TO THE ACHX

UMENT OF HUMAN POTENTIAL. IT IS THE RESPECT OF OUR MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR HUMAN VALUES THAT GIVES RESONANCE TO THE CONCEPT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

I CLOSE THIS PART OF MY STATEMENT WITH A QUOTATION FROM THE PIONEERING STUDY JUST PUBLISHED IN THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO, "INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION".

QUOTE: HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENT AN ESPECIALLY CRITICAL

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PROBLEM IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD. THEIR WIDER REALIZATION IS INCREASINGLY REQUIRED IN ACHIEVING UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION, AND PEACE BETWEEN AND AMONG NATIONS AS WELL AS WITHIN NABFPNS. COUNTRIES WITH EXTENSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS MAY SOMETIMES SEEM UNSTABLE OR INEFFICIENT, BUT THOSE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO ENDURE. END QUOTE. THESE WORDS APPEAR IN THE FOREWORD

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THE AUTHOR OF THAT FOREWORD IS DR. ROBERT LEESTMAN, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION, AND A MEMBER OF OUR DELEGATION.

REGARDING THE PROGRAMS OF THIS COUNCIL, I REPEAT THE DETERMINATION OF MY GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE. MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF

CVNCC CONTRIBUTE IMPORTANTLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PEOPLES. SOME OF THE PROGRAMS ARE OF HIGH QUALITY, INNOVATIVE AND UNIQUE TO LATIN AMERICA. MY GOVERNMENT IS ESPECIALLY PLEASED AT THE WORK UNDERWAY WITHIN CIECC AND THE OAS SECRETARIAT TO IMPROVE AND TO ADAPT THE PROGRAMS TO THE CHANGING DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF ALL THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. ONE FINE EXAMPLE IS THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL

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EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PREDE), INITIATED AT THE LAST CIECC AND PREPARED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CIE) FOR OUR CONSIDERATION HERE. ANOTHER IS THE INCREASED CONCERN FOR DEVISING APPROPRIATE EVALUATION MECHANISMS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LOW RATE OF EXECUTION OF THE MAR DEL PLATA PROGRAM IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN. THOSE IN OUR GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR AUTHORIZING U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NATURALLY CRITICAL OF MAINTAINING HIGH PLEDGE LEVELS TO THE FUND. WE HAVE HEARD MANY EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR THE MAR DEL PLATA PRINCIPLE OF MULTI-NATIONALITY AND OF THE

APPLIED NATURE OF THE PROGRAM. HOWEVER, UNLESS RAPID IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE IN THE EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAM, WE DO NOT SEE HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO JUSTIFY SUPPORT AT PAST LEVELS. I BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION AS A MATTER REQUIRING OUR URGENT ATTENTION.

REGARDING CULTURAL PROJECTS, I POINT OUT THAT IN THE PRESENT FISCAL PERIOD 1976-77 THE CULTURAL PROGRAM OF THE OAS AMOUNTS TO \$2,263,700 OF WHICH \$1,718,700 IS FROM REGULAR FUNDS AND THUS THE U.S. CONTRIBUTES \$1,134,342. MANY OF YOU KNOW, FROM DISCUSSIONS IN PREVIOUS CIECC MEETINGS, THAT THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE FEMCIECC AND MAR DEL PLATA FUNDS ARE MADE FROM AID MONIES APPROPRIATED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS ONLY FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES AND, THUS, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO USE THESE FUNDS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR CULTURE. LAST YEAR, FORTUNATELY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE WAS ABLE TO MAKE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO A HANDICRAFT PROJECT IN THE CULTURE AREA. WE CONTINUE TO EXPLORE MEANS OF CONTRIBUTING FURTHER TO THE CULTURE AREA BUT I AM UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO ANNOUNCE A CONTRIBUTION.

AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE, THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAS INSTITUTED A REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET. THE BUDGET

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PRESENTED BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION MADE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR OUR PLEDGES TO OAS VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THE AMOUNTS WE PLEDGED FOR FY 1977. HOWEVER, SINCE THE LEVEL

PROPOSED FOR OUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FY78 ARE BEING REVIEWED WE WILL POSTPONE PLEDGING FOR FEMCIECC AND THE MAR DEL PLATA ACCOUNTS FOR FY78 AT THIS TIME. WE WILL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF OUR DECISIONS BEFORE APRIL 30, 1977.

AS REGARDS THE SIX MONTH EXTENSION OF FY77 AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, OUR PLEDGES FOR THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM JULY 1, DECEMBER 31, 197 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FOR FEMCIECC WE PLEDGE \$3.5 MILLION. FOR THE MAR DEL PLATA ACCOUNT WE PLEDGE \$1.85 MILLION. MY GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE PAID AGAINST PAYMENT BY OTHER MEMBERS FOR THEIR PLEDGES FOR THIS SIX-MONTH PERIOD, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1978 AND AT THE PROPORTION OF A MAXIMUM OF 66 PERCENT.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
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